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Viewing cable 08OSLO585,

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Understanding cables

Every cable message consists of three parts:

- The top box shows each cable's unique reference number, when and by whom it originally was sent, and what its initial classification was.
- The middle box contains the header information that is associated with the cable. It includes information about the receiver(s) as well as a general subject.
- The bottom box presents the body of the cable. The opening can contain a more specific subject, references to other cables ([browse by origin](#) to find them) or additional comment. This is followed by the main contents of the cable: a summary, a collection of specific topics and a comment section.

To understand the justification used for the classification of each cable, please use this [WikiSource](#) article as reference.

Discussing cables

If you find meaningful or important information in a cable, please link directly to its unique reference number. Linking to a specific paragraph in the body of a cable is also possible by copying the appropriate link (to be found at the paragraph symbol). Please mark messages for social networking services like Twitter with the hash tags **#cablegate** and a hash containing the reference ID e.g. **#08OSLO585**.

Reference ID	Created	Released	Classification	Origin
08OSLO585	2008-10-30 12:55	2011-08-30 01:44	CONFIDENTIAL	Embassy Oslo

Appears in these articles:

<http://www.aftonbladet.se/nyheter/article8218467.ab>

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PP RUEHWEB

DE RUEHNY #0585/01 3041255
ZNY CCCCC ZZH
P 301255Z OCT 08
FM AMEMBASSY OSLO
TO RUEHC/SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 7121
INFO RUEHCP/AMEMBASSY COPENHAGEN PRIORITY 2479
RUEHSM/AMEMBASSY STOCKHOLM PRIORITY 3335
RUEHTC/AMEMBASSY THE HAGUE PRIORITY 4404
RHEFDIA/DIA WASHINGTON DC PRIORITY
RHMFISS/COMSOCEUR VAIHINGEN GE PRIORITY
RHMFISS/HQ USEUCOM VAIHINGEN GE PRIORITY
RHMFISS/CDR USEUCOM VAIHINGEN GE PRIORITY
RHMFISS/JOINT STAFF WASHINGTON DC PRIORITY
RUEHNY/ODC OSLO NO PRIORITY
RUEKJCS/SECDEF WASHINGTON DC PRIORITY
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Classified By: Deputy Chief of Mission Kevin M. Johnson for reasons 1.4 b and d

[1](#). (C) Summary. Following months of ambiguity and several conflicting indicators, and after strong engagement by senior DOD and DOS officials, The Campaign

[12](#). (C) In reftel, Post outlined the negative media coverage and mixed comments from insiders that seemed to put Norway's selection of the JSF --We want a strong defense of NATO's northern flank, secured by the superior capabilities of F-35s in Norway.
--We want to ensure the close U.S.-Norwegian military ties continue, and participation in JSF will naturally support this.
--We want high levels of interoperability in NATO.
--Norway will be the first JSF partner to make a choice on the plane and thus will disproportionately affect other partners' choices.

[13](#). (C) Post thus requested a dedicated USG effort to ensure Norway understands the importance of their choice and the virtues of the JSF. As a Apparent Results

[14](#). (C) As a result of this committed effort, we now believe the tide has turned in Norway. The media have recently run a number of articles fr

[15](#). (C) More importantly, in an October 24 Ambassador's meeting, the Foreign Minister, who we judge to be instrumental in the decision, said we What Now?

[16](#). (C) Despite these reassurances, the selection of the F-35 is still no sure thing, and much can happen before the final decision. We expect

[17](#). (C) In short, we believe we are close to success and now simply need careful shepherding to bring it home. We thank Washington, EUCM and USAFE